

Westfield City Council January 10, 2011

The Westfield City Council met in regular session Monday January 10 2011 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present were John Dippel, Bob Horkay, Ken Kingshill, Bob Smith, Tom Smith and Rob Stokes. Also present were Mayor Andy Cook, Deputy Mayor Bruce Hauk, Clerk-Treasurer Cindy Gossard and Legal Counsel Andrew Buroker with Krieg DeVault, LLC.

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

John Dippel noted one change.

Ken Kingshill made the motion to approve the December 27, 2010 minutes as amended. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Guest:

Westfield property owner Bob Hart asked about the status of the rezone at 800 E. Main Street.

City Attorney Andrew Buroker responded on behalf of the City of Westfield. He explained that this is a legal matter between two parties and the City has no position.

Parks Director Melody Jones announced that the Parks Master Plan update process will begin soon.

Claims:

John Dippel made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business/Special Presentation:

None

Old Business:

President Smith announced that *Ordinance 10-22: Community Enhancement Grant* and *Ordinance 10-28: Parks Policies* will come back to the City Council February 14, 2011.

Ordinance 11-01: Bridgewater PUD Amendment:

Introduction – June 14, 2010

APC Public Hearing – December 6, 2010

APC Recommendation –December 20, 2010

Adoption Consideration – January 10, 2011

Planner Kevin Todd explained the proposed Ordinance and the modifications since the last meeting. He described the mixed uses and that this did receive a favorable 8-0 vote from the Advisory Plan Commission.

After some discussion Steve Hoover made a motion to approve Ordinance 11-01 as presented. Ken Kingshill seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

New Business:

*Resolution 11-01: Tax Amendment Deduction for Automatic Pool Covers, Inc.
Adoption consideration January 10, 2011:*

Resolution 11-02: Tax Abatement Deduction for Ego Enterprise, LLC : Adoption consideration January 10, 2011:

Representing the Economic Development Department, Deanne Ludwig, explained that both Resolution 11-01 and Resolution 11-02 will be heard in the same presentation. Resolution 11-01 requests an abatement of real estate property taxes and Resolution 11-02 requests an abatement of personal property taxes.

She introduced Katie Culp of Cassidy, Turley who was representing Automatic Pool Covers, Inc. Ms. Culp updated the Council on the process and State incentives. She then introduced Michael Shebeck, President of Automatic Pool Covers, Inc. Mr. Shebeck expressed his gratitude to the City of Westfield. He is looking at about 35 new hires with additional subcontractors. Although other communities were investigated the City of Westfield was a good fit.

Ms. Ludwig explained that this will be re-evaluated on an annual basis which is consistent with other abatements already in place.

Bob Smith made the motion to approve Resolution 11-01 as presented. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Steve Hoover made the motion to approve Resolution 11-02 as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

*Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Various sections of the Zoning Ordinance
Introduction –January 10, 2011:*

Kevin Todd explained that the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Temporary Uses/Events are being introduced together. He described the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

Steve Hoover explained that this went through the normal committee's process and that three of this Council was part of those discussions. He would recommend moving both the proposed Zoning sections and Temporary Uses/Events on to the Advisory Plan Commission.

It was the Council's consensus to pass this on to the Advisory Plan Commission for next month's meeting.

Walnut Ridge Estates Zoning Commitment Amendment

Introduction – January 10, 2011:

Community Development Director Matt Skelton explained the commitment amendment. He also explained that the same process for commitment amendments are the same required as the original commitment. Bryan Stumpf with the Estridge Development explained that although this is not an Estridge Development, Estridge would like to build in this development. He described the style of the homes and square footage proposed.

Ken Kingshill made the suggestion that the word minimum could be incorporated in the amendment. Mr. Stumpf concurred and will make that change.

Steve Hoover asked if there were any neighborhood meetings scheduled. He would like to be included. It was decided that all of the Council should be notified on any of future meetings in regard to this proposal.

It was the Council's consensus to pass this on to the Advisory Plan Commission for next month's meeting.

Resolution 11-03: Family Sports Capital of America Comprehensive Plan Addendum II:

Introduction – December 13, 2010

APC Public Hearing – December 20, 2010

APC Recommendation – January 4, 2011

Second Reading – January 10, 2011

Adoption Consideration – January 10, 2011

Planner Jennifer Miller described the timeline and how this is eligible for consideration this evening. John Dippel made the motion to approve Resolution 11-03 as presented. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Ken Kingshill appreciated the new City of Westfield website.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Cook asked that during these snow plowing days that people not park on the street when possible.

He is pleased that Automatic Pool Covers has chosen to locate in the City of Westfield.

He commented on the location selected for the Family Sports Capital of America. The targeted area will go through the same rezoning process as any other rezone.

There is another company that will be coming forward interested in locating in the Family Sports Capital area. They could be bringing 3 to 6 thousand people to the City of Westfield which will have a positive impact Economically for Westfield.

Ken Kingshill made the motion to adjourn the meeting. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00P.M.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

President